



## Paul Bryant Begins New A&M Chapter

A new chapter in the history of A&M football was begun last Feb. 4 when Paul (Bear) Bryant, successful Kentucky mentor the past eight years, was named athletic director and 19th head football coach at Aggieland.

Bryant was given a six-year contract at \$15,000 per year. He replaces Ray George, Aggie coach the past three seasons.

Bryant's coaching record speaks for itself—66 wins, 25 losses and six ties in nine years as a head coach—and he is considered one of the outstanding coaches in the nation for his great success at Kentucky.

His head coaching career began in 1945 at Maryland where he brought the Terps out of oblivion to a fine 6-2-1 record. In 1946 he departed for Kentucky.

Bryant, was an all-Southeastern end at Alabama in the mid-thirties where he played with such great stars as Dixie Howell and Don

Hutson and had the advantage of the late Frank Thomas' tutoring.

A native of Fordyce, Arkansas, Bryant remained at Alabama as Thomas' assistant from 1936-39, then was an assistant at Vanderbilt in 1940 and 1941. After duty in World War II in the navy, and reaching the rank of lieutenant commander, he launched his career at Maryland.

Wife of the handsome, 40-year-old Bryant is Mrs. Mary Harmon Bryant. Their two children are Mae Martin, 18, and Paul, Jr., 10.

# Football Year Looks Lean

## Intramural Program Gives Everyone A Chance To Play

Not everybody can go for football, baseball, or track, but at A&M everybody can play intramurals — and almost everybody does.

A&M's intramural program is called one of the largest in the country, with about 80 teams competing in 13 sports. Teams are from the dormitories for civilian students, and the military units for corps students.

Yearly team and individual awards are given to the intramural champions.

Over-all championships are based on a scoring system which allows each team a certain number of points for entering a sport and another number for winning the league championship, runner up or other honors.

The intramural program is open to every student in A&M, and is on a purely voluntary basis. No credit is given for participation so far as scholastic work is concerned.

### Competition Is Stiff

Even in this program without any credit, the competition is stiff between units and the honor of being top intramural outfit is keenly sought.

Among the sports offered are basketball, tennis, flag football (each player carries a flag in his shorts and when the flag is jerked out by the opponent the runner is down), horseshoes, cross country, bowling, ping-pong, softball, golf, volleyball, badminton, swimming and track.

The Intramural Department, which is directed by Barney Welch, furnishes all playing equipment except individual equipment such as tennis rackets, tennis balls, shoes and other personal equipment.

Welch also is in charge of furnishing officials for all the games, scheduling events and maintaining the courts and fields in top condition.

The Intramural Department receives money each year from the Exchange Store for the purchase of game equipment such as foot-

ball, horseshoes, softballs and bats. These items are issued to the outfits to use whenever and wherever the athletic officers in the outfits want to.

Equipment of this type is issued in the Office of Student Activities, second floor of Goodwin Hall, at the beginning of each year.

The intramural program is arranged and planned through the Dean of Men's Office and directed through the Student Activities Office. The intramural office is in the southwest corner of DeWare

Field House and is open daily from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Any questions pertaining to intramurals may be brought to Welch in his office in Goodwin Hall.

"Intramurals play an important part in the life of students at Aggieland for various reasons," says Welch. "Most boys are athletically inclined, and although they are not proficient enough or lack time to participate in intercollegiate sports, they still can enjoy their favorite sport through intramurals."

## Fish Team Will Bolster Baseball

Texas A&M's 1955 baseball varsity will be helped considerably by several members of the 1954 freshman team, coached by Les Palmer.

The Fish team last spring recorded a 9-3 record and the three games lost — Texas, Baylor and Rice—each were redeemed by Aggie victories. The Cadets split these three teams.

Among the leading candidates Coach Beau Bell will welcome to the varsity next fall will be Bill White of El Paso who led the Fish in hitting with .467; Dick Bleckner of West Palm Beach, Fla., shortstop who hit .344; first sacker John Hoyle of Tulsa with a .333 mark; Outfielder Lew Blood of Ponca City, Okla., leading RBI producer with a .308 average; and Pitcher Dick Munday of Bryan, the frosh team's top hurler.

With such varsity men returning as Jimmy Williams, all-Southwest conference catcher; Pitchers Jerry Nelson, Joe Hardgrove and Tex Vanzura; Outfielders Benn Hubbard, Les Byrd and John Stockton and Infielders Joe Schero, Claude Northrup and Bob Pender, Bell could field a more potent team in '55 than in the past two seasons.

For instance here's a probable lineup for next fall:

Byrd, Stockton and Blood in the outfield; Hoyle on 1b; White on 2b; Bleckner or Northrup at ss; Schero on 3b; Williams catcher and Munday, Nelson, Hardgrove and Vanzura, pitchers.

## Col. Andy Enters 34th Year Here

Track Coach Frank G. Anderson, or Col. Andy, as the Aggies call him, is entering his 34th year at A&M. During this time, he has been freshman football coach, commandant of cadets, and track coach, his present job.

During his 22 years as track coach, the Aggie thinclads have never placed below third in SWC competition, and have captured the crown nine times.

Col. Andy is noted for developing unknowns into steady performers. He says his greatest thrill was Walter (Buddy) Davis' high jump and Darrow Hooper's shot put victories in the 1952 Olympic games.

## Missing Quarterback Hampers Team

Even though indications point to a lean year for football at Texas A&M, the 1954 season should prove to be an interesting one.

Lack of an adequate quarterback replacement for Don Ellis, all-Southwest signal-caller last fall, spells trouble for Aggie rooters, but the new coaching staff headed by Paul (Bear) Bryant will bear watching.

On paper the Aggies are fortified by 17 returning lettermen—15 from last fall and two from the 1952 squad—while only 10 were lost. But the facts show that several of those lettermen couldn't make the grade last spring as Bryant inaugurated the Split T offense and a good sprinkling of sophomores have moved into the top spots.

The Aggies, as last year, will be plagued by lack of depth at all positions but fullback, and lack of size and experience at several slots. Based on spring training, Bryant should have six returning 1953 regulars in the line and one returning regular in the backfield.

Don Kachtik, senior fullback from Rio Hondo, is one of the better fullbacks in the Southwest conference and with Bob Easley, Houston junior behind him, this position is the best-fortified of all at A&M. The other ten positions are not manned by as good men and with much less replacements.

The regular linemen returning will be Bill Schroeder and Bennie Sinclair, ends; Lawrence Winkler, tackle; Sid Theriot and Marvin Tate, guards and Fred Broussard, center. Norbert Ohlendorf probably will get the nod at the other tackle slot while the current leading backs are Don Watson, sophomore, at left half and Charles Hall, senior, at right half.

Billy Pete Huddleston, a junior, will go behind Watson and Bobby Drake Keith, sophomore, back of Hall. Leading quarterback candidates last spring were Elwood Kettler, senior and two-year letterman at halfback, and Sophomore Charles Scott. An untried boy—Gene Henderson of San Angelo junior college—will be tried at quarterback when practice opens Sept. 1.

Leading replacements in the line are Eugene Stallings, sophomore from Paris and Richard Vick, senior from Beaumont, at end; W. D. Powell, sophomore from Lockhart,

tackle; Ray Barrett, San Angelo senior and Lloyd Hale, sophomore from Iraan, guards and Ivan Greenhaw, Dallas senior and Walker Griffith, sophomore from Humble, center. It's expected that Broussard will again carry the brunt of the work at center as his likely replacements are inexperienced.

Bryant gets his first test as an Aggie coach (after being on the other bench the past two years when A&M played his old school, Kentucky) Sept. 18 when Texas Tech brings the defending national scoring champs to Kyle field. Tech will be gunning for the Aggies this fall, since A&M was the only team to mar their record last fall. The Red Raiders defeated Auburn in the Gator Bowl to hang up an 11-1 season record.

## Coach's Bat Won Game and Crown

A&M first SWC baseball crown was hammered in by a left fielder named Roy (Beau) Bell.

It was the final game of the season in 1931; the Aggies were facing the University of Texas. Bell stepped up to the plate, backed by a .474 batting average, and slammed a home run across the fence.

Bell, incidentally, is now A&M's baseball coach.

After graduation, Bell went into organized baseball, playing for Galveston, then the St. Louis Browns.

He is entering his fourth year here as baseball coach.

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